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BARRETT INVITES ALL TO CELEBRATE CITY HALL

As the City Hall restoration project comes to a close, Mayor Barrett invites Milwaukeeans to participate in events surrounding the occasion.

To celebrate the pending completion of the restoration of City Hall, a self-guided exhibition detailing the building's history and restoration process is currently open to the public on the first and third floors of City Hall. The exhibition features more than 40 displays, including actual building materials and ornamentation that was repaired or replaced during the restoration process. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays through January 16, 2009.

The completion of work will be celebrated with a free, public event at City Hall on Thursday, December 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Mayor Barrett will be joined by members of the Common Council in a re-dedication ceremony at 6:15 p.m. The rest of the evening will feature live music, refreshments and guided tours.

"City Hall belongs to the people of Milwaukee," said Mayor Barrett. "I encourage everyone to partake in the restoration festivities and celebrate this historic landmark, a hallmark of our city's proud past and bright future."

To commemorate the occasion, posters featuring close-up photographs of City Hall's ornate architecture and information about the building will be on sale Thursday, December 18 beginning at 10 a.m. on the first floor of City Hall. The posters cost \$10, with proceeds going to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

Designated as a National Historic Landmark, City Hall is truly a national treasure in our own backyard. It was designed by architect H.C. Koch in 1892 and constructed from 1894-1896 by Paul Reisen Corporation for \$945,000. It is the only American city hall to be constructed in the German Renaissance Revival Style and has been an iconic part of Milwaukee's skyline for more than a century with its 393-foot clock tower.

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